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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2187

Docket No.: 826.1771

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Katsuhiko NISHIKAWA

Serial No. 09/987,898

Group Art Unit: 2187

Confirmation No. 7809

Filed: November 16, 2001

Examiner: Hiep T. Nguyen

For: STORAGE SERVICE METHOD, STORAGE SERVICE USER TERMINAL DEVICE,

STORAGE SERVICE PROVIDING DEVICE, AND STORAGE MEDIUM STORING

STORAGE SERVICE PROGRAM

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 HECEIVED

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Attention: BOX AF

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 26, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on October 26, 2004.

A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to November 26, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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